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County Library, Which Serves Torrance, Reports Activities

There are 145,976 book borrowers (2,700 in Torrance) on the rolls of the Los Angeles County Public Library system, it is revealed in the annual report of Helen E. Vogleson, county librarian, now on file with the Board of Supervisors.

This is a gain of 5,604 for the year or four percent despite the fact that more than 11,000 persons were withdrawn from the rolls when the City of Burbank dropped from the County Library system last year, the report stated. There also was a gain of three percent in number of books circulated during the year. Total circulation was 3,259,112, a gain of 104,272.

The local increase in library patrons amounted to about 100 over the 1938 figure, according to Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, li-

brarian. The Torrance library circulated 57,683 books during the fiscal year of 1938-39, an increase of 8,900 over the previous year's total.

Mrs. Jamieson said that the local book and periodical center maintains a fluid stock of about 10,000 volumes, including 600 which are frequently changed at the Waltheria branch.

Regarded as one of the largest library systems of the world, the Los Angeles County Library now maintains a main office in Los Angeles City and 134 branches in all sections of the county. It serves an area of 3,461.04 square miles. Branches are located in 12 library buildings, seven institutions, 43 schools and in 57 rented quarters.

Miss Vogleson's report stated that 48,440 volumes were added to the library's stock of books during the year bringing total circulation to 504,342 after deducting 19,719 volumes lost or withdrawn.

Cost of operation of the system in the last fiscal year totaled \$397,227. This included \$237,496 for salaries and \$81,049-51 for books.



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Battle of Lexington Was Page 2 News

PHILADELPHIA (U. P.) — Start of the American Revolutionary War was only page two news in the Pennsylvania Journal, old files of the newspaper disclose.

"The King's troops are actually engaged in butchering and destroying our brethren in the most inhuman manner," the Journal said in a second page item regarding the Battle of Lexington.

A letter under the item described how well-drilled British troops of "about 1,000 or 1,200 men landed at Phipps Farm at Cambridge and marched to Lexington" in search of John Hancock and Samuel Adams. The redcoats killed eight of "our Colony Militia" and wounded nine, according to the letter, which reached Philadelphia five days later.

The original United States, as constituted after the Revolutionary war, took in all present territory from the Atlantic to the Mississippi, except Florida.

SCHOOL CARNIVAL PLANNED OCTOBER 27

The October meeting of the Torrance Elementary P.T.A. was held Tuesday at the school auditorium. The afternoon was a very profitable one, in that many questions asked by parents were answered by Principal Dykes and the school nurse, Miss Parenteau. Mrs. Nelson's class entertained with a number of songs and poems. A few minutes talk was given by Mrs. S. C. Murray, president of the Lomita-San Pedro council telling why the P.T.A. had taken the stand against the Ham and Egg amendment.

Friday, Oct. 27 from 2 until 9 p.m. the school will hold its annual carnival. The halls will be decorated and many things have been planned that will be of interest to everyone. The public is cordially invited and urged to be there.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY FAMILY DINNER

Friends of Loyola University will be guests at a "family dinner" at the university, Thursday evening, Nov. 16. Torrance folk who would like to attend may make the necessary arrangements by contacting Mrs. Irma Trevis, telephone 690-W.

ROOM MOTHERS GUESTS AT TEA

Room mothers of the Fern Avenue P.T.A. were entertained last week at tea by Mrs. J. J. Millard, assisted by Mrs. Irene Davis, Mrs. Millie Andrews, and Mrs. A. C. Turner. Duties of the room mothers and plans for continuing the membership drive were discussed.

LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS INVITED

Local officers of the American Legion Auxiliary have been invited to attend an all day school of instruction tomorrow (Friday) at Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles. State officers and heads of the Southern division will be present.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY FETED AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rippey, 144 El Prado, entertained Sunday for dinner Mr. and Mrs. Donald Coulson (Aggie Lou Rippey) of Culver City. Monday, Oct. 23, was the first wedding anniversary of the Coulsons.

CHURCHWOMEN PLAN CHICKEN DINNER

The Ladies' Council of the Christian church will serve a chicken dinner in the church parlors Thursday, Nov. 9, it was announced this week as committees were appointed and arrangements made for the affair.

BRIDGE CLUB "BRUNCHES" AT SLEETH HOME

Mrs. Robert S. Sleeth, 1616 Post avenue, was hostess last Thursday to her bridge club at brunch. Her guests were Mesdames Micheal Straszer, Robert Lowellen, Herbert Robinson, D. A. Murphy, Leonard Young, Herman Mitchell and J. B. Scott. Mrs. Scott won the first prize and Mrs. Robinson second.

Elementary P.T.A. Fair and Festival All Day Friday



—Torrance Herald Photo.
LEONARD DYKES
Elementary School Principal

The second annual Fair and Festival of the Torrance Elementary P.T.A., will be held tomorrow (Friday) at the school. The sale at the booths will start at 2 o'clock and will continue until everything is sold.

Events in auditorium will include—picture shows at 1:40 p.m., for lower grade pupils and at 2:40 p.m., for upper grade pupils. Tickets are five cents each. The evening program, 7:00 p.m., will feature the Abbott school of dancing. Tickets are 15 cents for adults, five cents for children.

Dinner will be served in the cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. A good variety of food will be offered and hot dogs and hamburgers will be served anytime during the afternoon and evening. The following booths will display merchandise at moderate prices: potted plants and flowers, fish-pond, country store, home-made baked goods, candy, rummage and fancy work, ice cream, popcorn and Halloween novelties.

PENNY ANNS MEET AT McLEAN'S

Marguerite McLean, 2362 Maricopa Place, entertained the members of the Penny Anns last Wednesday. Five hundred was played with Mickey Twyman winning the prize. Orange sherbet and individual cakes with candies, to celebrate Maxine Willet's first anniversary, were served. Others present included: Doris Watson, Georgie Tappin, Mildred Tidland and Martha Colburn, all of Torrance, Lucille Radner, a new member, was introduced.

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DELIGHTFUL PARTY HONORS 8-YEAR-OLD

Teala Rosemary Bellini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bellini, of 1804 Portola avenue, celebrated her eighth birthday last Saturday afternoon. Halloween games were played, prizes presented to the winners and ice cream and cake were served. The guests were seated at a long table covered with a Halloween table cloth. At the end were placed large black and orange cats filled with candy and salted nuts. There were Halloween favors and caps for each guest.

In the center of the table was a large birthday cake with eight black cats and eight orange candles and with yellow and orange decorations. Those present at the party were Nancy Ann Whyte, Dolores Ulbright, Marjory Ann Roos, Lorraine Anderson, Betty Floyd, Clyde Crawford, David Tucker, Terry Grafton, Andrea Grafton, Thelma Ness, Marilyn Stannard, Jorjine Stannard, Dorothy Edwards, Norma Levy, Barbara Lee Watson, Barbara Jane Locke, Helen Fay Stitt and Harold Felney.

YOU'RE INVITED TO HALLOWEEN DANCE

Saturday night at the Woman's clubhouse on Engracia there will be a grand Halloween dance. Good music and a good floor. And it won't make any difference how you are dressed—slacks, costumes, or sweaters, because the idea is to have fun. There will also be appropriate Halloween refreshments.

Next Wednesday the Woman's club will hold its monthly luncheon and an entertaining afternoon is planned. The committee has been fortunate in securing Paul Reys, who will speak on "Exploring Our Name." It is a psychological tour through names and natures. He comes to the Woman's club highly recommended.

BRIDGE GROUP MEETS FRIDAY

Friday night Mrs. Grace Hinshaw will entertain her bridge club at her home, 1918 Martina avenue. Among those who will be present will be Mesdames Emma Quaggin, Marjory Lessing, Mielke Harder, Laura Felker, Dorothy Ashley, Grace May Rhone and Katherine Marshall.

TOY LOAN PARTY AT CITY PARK

The Halloween party, planned by Mrs. Jewell Taylor toy-rarian, for members of the toy loan library, will be given at the city park Tuesday evening, Oct. 31, instead of at the headquarters on Post avenue as announced last week. The party will start at 7 o'clock and last until nine.

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CALENDAR

of WEEKLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

TONIGHT, OCT. 26
6:30 p.m.—Rotary Club at Legion Hall.
7:30 p.m.—Troop 219, Boy Scouts.
7:45 p.m.—Knights of Pythias at Redondo Beach.
8:00 p.m.—Modern Woodmen.

FRIDAY, OCT. 27
7:30 p.m.—Townsend Club.
8:00 p.m.—Women of the Moose.
8:00 p.m.—Masons.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28
Services in all churches.

MONDAY, OCT. 30
8:30 p.m.—Kiwanis Club dinner dance, Palos Verdes Golf Club.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31
7:30 p.m.—Troop, 211, Boy Scouts.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1
12:30 p.m.—Woman's Club luncheon, 1422 Engracia.
7:30 p.m.—20-30 club at Danjels Cafe.
7:30 p.m.—Troop 218, Boy Scouts.
7:45 p.m.—V. F. W. at Gardena.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2
11:00 p.m.—Christian church Missionary and Council.
1:30 p.m.—Lutheran Ladies Council.
2:00 p.m.—Central Evangelical Missionary.
2:00 p.m.—Episcopal Woman's Auxiliary.
3:00 p.m.—Troop 2, Girl Scouts.

SHOWER HONORS ALICE WEST

An attractive miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Alice West, Western avenue, whose marriage to Mr. Bud Mathewson of West Los Angeles will take place at Santa Ana on Saturday, October 28, was given last evening at the home of Mrs. John Thelen, 2015 Arlington avenue. Besides the bride-elect, those present included: Misses Marcella Crook, Marjorie Warthan, Norma Warthan, Caroline Wilkes, Allene Lamb, and Dorothy Pankey; Mesdames Hortense Smith, Benjamin Smith, C. M. Crook, Lloyd Warthan, Irene Wilkes, Albert Dumont, L. Lamb, John Thelen, Jack West, Mary Lee, Jean Mondenhall, and the honoree's mother, Mrs. West.

POTLUCK DINNER AT SMITH HOME

A party of young people were entertained at a potluck dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Smith, 808 1/2 Amapola avenue on Oct. 18. Those included were William Walker, Bert Lamb, Paul Smith, Reggie Treloar, Bob Craig, Edward Myers of Redondo Beach, Frank Lee, of Spanish Fork, Utah, Marcella Crook, Marjorie Warthan, Norma Warthan, Phyllis Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fronhofer, of Long Beach, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Puckoff joined the party after dinner.

CHANGE LOCATION OF KIWANIS CLUB PARTY

Announcement was made this week by the Kiwanis committee in charge of the service club's ladies' night dinner-party next Monday evening, Oct. 30, that the affair will be held at the Palos Verdes Country Club instead of the Lakewood Country club as previously reported. Many of the Kiwanians are expected to bring guests and swell the number attending to nearly 100.

FERN P.T.A. LEADERS PLAN OCT. 24 SESSION

The Executive board of the Fern Avenue P.T.A. met in regular session Oct. 16 at the Fern Avenue school. Final preparations were made for the meeting of Oct. 24. Present were Mesdames J. J. Millard, C. W. Stevens, William Jolley, Irene Davis, Millie Andrews, A. C. Turner, Roy Meyers, Claude Pickett, W. J. Bowers, Lillian Billups, W. C. Silence, John Garner, Harry Pierson, Mark McIlvaine, L. F. Watson and Fred Fisher.

ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB LAST FRIDAY

Last Friday afternoon Mrs. Charles Schultz was hostess to her bridge club at her residence, 1304 Coca avenue. Fall flowers decorated the table and rooms. Present were Mesdames J. S. Lancaster, Wallace Post, Henry F. Ulbright, George Fieckham, Charles T. Rippey, Grover C. Whyte, Robert Deinger and the hostess. High score was won by Mrs. Deinger.

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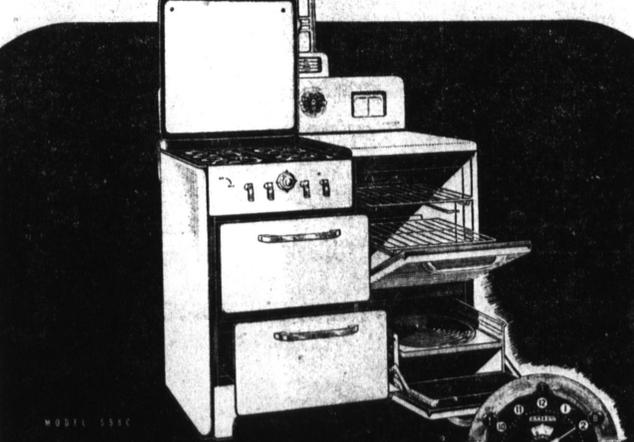
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